



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

As this pandemic continues and we are weary, I am continually reminded how much the Trinity community of faith means to me. We have done our best to stay connected in the midst of our struggles and that is a reason for celebration and joy. I am grateful to be with you all on this journey.

As we are experiencing some good changes at Thistle Hills—a new Program/House Manager has joined our team (Tiffany Starkes, MSW) and we welcomed our second Survivor resident—I am drawn back to the books of Becca Stevens of Thistle Farms in Nashville that show us all some deeply spiritual practices that we can live by and that tie us together. Here is an excerpt from *Find Your Way: 20 Practices That Tie Us Together*. It is practice #2 Find Your Place:

We can find our place when we gather in a circle, where there is no first or last. We remember there is always a place for us if we come willingly. Community is the oldest form of healing in the world. It is the entity that holds us up and holds us accountable. We need a disciplined community where we can be our truest selves and practice the work of being vulnerable and brave. We find our place when we remember that it doesn't matter if, on a particular day, we will be giving or receiving.

"I find this circle is like church for me . . . at least how church is supposed to feel. It is made up of a group of all kinds of people, sharing a common goal: to love and support each other on the journey. Each person has a voice and every story is honored. I am grateful there is always a seat for me, no matter how long it has been or how far I have traveled. The candle is lit for me too and it always leads me home". – Carolyn Snell, Advocate since 2008 and Former Member of the Board of Directors of Thistle Farms.

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**Healing Service via Zoom
Thursdays at Noon**

We continue to offer a Healing Service via Zoom on Thursdays at Noon. The Zoom link is emailed via our Constant Contact email service on Wednesdays along with a copy of the order of service for the week. The order of service is also shared on the screen during the service itself. We commemorate a “saint” from the Episcopal Church utilizing the resource ‘A Great Cloud of Witnesses’ and share a little healing music from a variety of sources.

**Family Service with Contemporary Music
Sunday, February 6 at 11: 15 a.m.
In person and live-streamed**

Join us for a different style of service on the first Sunday of each month at 11:15 a.m. It is our Family Service with Contemporary Music. We will have a keyboard and guitar. The service is informal and family/child friendly. We are sowing seeds that we hope will grow into additional members of our Trinity community.

Like our regular Sunday worship service, the service is in person and live-streamed and the videos will find a home on our Trinity Facebook page and YouTube channel for you to check out later. This is one way we are seeking to reach new people who may prefer a different style of music. Look for this to happen on the first Sunday of each month. Check it out! Let your friends know!

**Blessed Absalom Jones Observed
Saturday, Feb 12 Diocesan Virtual Service at 10 a.m.
Sunday, February 13 at Trinity’s 9:30 a.m. Service**

On Saturday, February 12th and Sunday, February 13th our diocese will celebrate the feast of Blessed Absalom Jones.

The Rev. Absalom Jones was born into slavery and became the first Black priest ordained in The Episcopal Church - ordained right here in our diocese. This prophetic action testifies to the historic, revolutionary character of our diocese and has had a lasting impact on the entirety of The Episcopal Church.

The service on 2/12 begins at 10 a.m. will be a virtual celebration that showcases music from across the diocese and outside of our region. You can register through the Diocesan website: (www.diopa.org) [Celebrating the Life and Ministry of Blessed Absalom Jones \(2/12/22\) \(diopa.org\)](http://www.diopa.org) The Rev. Dr. Mark Andrew Jefferson from Virginia Theological Seminary will preach at the service. Registration for this virtual event is required.

At Trinity's regular 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 13th we will use the Propers assigned for the Feast of Blessed Absalom Jones, honoring his life and legacy.

Vestry Meeting
Sunday, January 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Beaver Creek Tavern

Our next scheduled Vestry meeting will be held Sunday, January 20th at 11:30 a.m. at Beaver Creek Tavern.

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 2 at 7p.m.

Lent begins with our traditional Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. on March 2.

Thistle Hills Update!

Thistle Hills is pleased to announce that we have a new Program/House Manager – Tiffany Starkes, MSW. Tiffany comes to us with practical experience as a social worker with programming creativity at Womanspace prior to joining our team. Welcome Tiffany! ***We have also welcomed our second Survivor resident into the home*** and will be looking to welcome the next two in the Spring/Summer. Each woman is granted a \$40 a week 'stipend' for the first several months of residence until they secure a job. Thistle Hills welcomes gift cards or financial donations toward the stipends. Regular

household supplies such as Dove soap, HE Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent, Tissues, Paper Towels, Cleaning Supplies, Dishwashing detergent, etc. are also welcome. All can be dropped off at Trinity. We are also looking for financial contributions for 4 sets of blinds for the upstairs. Your financial contributions may be donated directly through the Thistle Hills website: www.thistlehills.org.

IT'S UNDIE SUNDAYS TIME AGAIN !

(EVERY SUNDAY THROUGH THE END OF FEBRUARY)

PLEASE PURCHASE SOCKS OR UNDERWEAR (ANY SIZE) FOR MEN, WOMEN OR YOUNG CHILDREN. BRING THEM TO CHURCH AND WE'LL DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE THREE SHELTERS FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE IN COATESVILLE

FUNDRAISING

Happy Winter!!?

Certainly not too conducive lately to doing anything or going anywhere, unless you're a poker bear. So, let's start looking ahead and talking about getting out, sharing good times with friends.....and while we're at it, maybe doing something for Trinity.

The Fundraising Team invites the Trinity family to submit your suggestions for some fun events we could work on and possibly make happen in the coming months.

C'mon, get creative and adventurous! Let's take advantage of our ability to get together and have some fun, while benefiting our church.

Look forward to exchanging ideas and brainstorming with you!

Vic Shanley
Chmn., Fundraising Committee



Violet Armstead	9th
Michael Magness	10th
Andrew Bentley	13th
Martha Rutledge	14th
Jennifer Grubb	15th
Pat Hendricks	17th
Vic Shanley	20th
Patricia Vogt	22nd
Jamoca Harkins	25th
Kent Nation	26th
Laverne Cheatham	27th



Craig & Nicole McGovern **22nd**

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Family Service 11:15am				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Youth Bible Class				Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Vestry Meeting 1130AM BCT	President's DAY			Noon Healing Service Via Zoom		SH Rented
27	28					
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Readers, Servers and Greeters for February 2022

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
2/6	Greg Bentley	Tom Swett	Vic Shanley
2/13	Minnie Kirwin	Chris Haak	Jennifer Grubb
2/20	Vic Shanley	Greg Bentley	Bill Terry
1/23	Tom Swett	Minnie Kirwin	Chris Haak

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Mission Statement

**Church of the Trinity is a
congregation rooted in the
faith and love of Christ, unified
in diversity, seeking to grow
and nourish the Trinity family
and our Coatesville
community.**

Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 AM

Thursdays 12:00 PM

**Jamoca Harkins,
Parish Administrator**

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday: 5:30-7:30pm

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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM